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1. TRAVELERS PLANNING TO VISIT CAIRO SHOULD BE AWARE
CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE. ONLY THREE HOTELS
(HILTON, MERIDIEN AND SHERATON) MEET U.S. STANDARDS FOR
FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS PLUS A FOURTH (SHEPHEARD'S)
WHICH IS BARELY SATISFACTORY. DEMAND FOR THESE HOTELS
FAR EXCEEDS NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE, AND LARGE BLOCKS
OF ROOMS BOOKED BY TOUR GROPS OR RESERVED FOR MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS FREQUENTLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR EMBASSY TO OBTAIN SPACE.

2. WHEN UNABLE OBTAIN ROOMS IN HOTELS DEEMED SUITABLE,
EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE OFFICIAL TRAVELERS
IN GUEST HOUSE ACROSS STREET FROM CHANCERY BUT NUMBER
OF ROOMS LIMITED AND TRAVELERS USUALLY REQUIRED TO
SHARE DOUBLE ROOMS.

3. MAXIMUM LEAD TIME IN REQUESTING RESERVATIONS IS
KEY TO OBTAINING SUITABLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS CAIRO.
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT OFFICIAL TRAVELERS FOLLOW
PRACTICE OF COMMERCIAL FIRMS BY OBTAINING CONFIRMED HOTEL
RESERVATIONS FIRST THEN SCHEDULING TRIP RATHER THAN
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PLANNING EXTENSIVE TRIP ON ASSUMPTION ADEQUATE HOTEL

ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE CAIRO.

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